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Subject: sturgeon field work coordination/draft call for schedules

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Attachments: Schedules Sturgeon ISA.xls

Portland Harbor Government Team -- As most of you know, LWG is set to begin sturgeon catch efforts in the ISA very soon. At present, all indications are that field work will begin the week of February 19. Recognizing that this effort entails significant integration of RI/FS and NRDA needs, I have offered to help Joe and Burt with the coordination of our field activities, including lab and field oversight/observation, as well as lab work. Though details are still being worked out, the current "vision" is that field crews will hand-off legal size captured fish as they come off the set lines to a second boat that will then run the specimen(s) to shore so that the analysis process (blood samples) can begin promptly with live fish back in the lab. Tasks to be conducted in the lab include the drawing of blood plasma samples, removal of livers and stomach contents, preparation of the fish for whole-body analysis, and possibly other tasks. Government team members are being called upon to lend a hand with field and lab work. We especially need experienced folks to pitch in for this effort, keeping in mind that we anticipate training will be provided at the outset of lab work so we have a broader pool of resources to draw upon as we work through this process. Our goal should be to have government team personnel available and in the field/lab at all times, and to have two trained/experienced Trustees in the lab when plasma, livers, etc. are being processed.

With that said, *please respond to me and Joe ASAP and no later than 02/08/07 with your dates of availability.* Note that it may be necessary to conduct some lab work on Saturday, February 24. Please use the attached spreadsheet. It's been set up so that you can also provide some indication of whether or not you are willing/able to perform lab work, field oversight, observation, etc. Also note that your name may not be one of those listed in the table. If that's the case but you want to participate, no problem. Just let me and Joe know.

Finally, Joe is working to secure an EPA boat for this effort and Jeremy has access to a FWS boat, but the details of boat logistics have yet to be worked out. Please stay tuned.

Thanks,

Rob and Joe